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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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NEWSPAPERS:

1. RESTON (LATIMES, PAGE 1) LEADS WITH SENIOR US OFFICIAL
STATING NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS
CONCEIVABLE BUT "CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE ONLY 50-50. . ."
(EARLIER) SAME OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE
TO CONSIDER THE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN ITS POSITION AS
NEGOTIATIONS MOVE TOWARD A SECOND, MORE DETAILED STAGE IN
EARLY MARCH WHEN "HAK RETURNS TO ME." QUOTES FROM HAK'S
STATEMENT AT LATE-NIGHT HAK-ALLON PRESS SESSION, WHICH
RESTON SAYS "APPARENTLY WAS DESIGNED TO KNOCK DOWN OTHER
PRESS REPORTS SUGGESTING THAT KISSINGER ALREADY HAD BEEN
SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING A LIMITED OR MINI-DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT."

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2. RESTON NOTES HAK'S PUBLIC OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF HOPE AND EVEN CONFIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. HOWEVER, SAYS ON WEDNESDAY HAK "WAS UNUSUALLY UPBEAT IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS ABOUT A POSSIBLE INTERIM SOLUTION IN THE SINAI." YET ON THURSDAY "THERE SUDDENLY SEEMED A SHARP DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MORE HOPEFUL PUBLIC RHETORIC AND THE MORE GUARDED PRIVATE EXPECTATIONS OF PROGRESS." SUGGESTS THAT THE CHANGE IN THE SENIOR OFFICIAL'S TONE ON THURSDAY, WHICH "APPEARED TO FALL SHORT OF THE HOPEFUL PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS DAY," MAY ONLY BE "TACTICAL." SAYS THE SENIOR OFFICIAL "RECALLED THAT THE ISRAELI CABINET HAD NOT CHANGED ITS POSITION SINCE DECEMBER," AND THAT SUCH A REMARK "APPEARED TO IMPLY THE POSSIBLE BUILDING OF NEW POLITICAL PRESSURES ON ISRAEL FOR A SHIFT TOWARD A MORE FLEXIBLE STANCE ON THE SINAI DISENGAGEMENT ISSUE." JUMP PAGE HAS PHOTO OF HAK AND FAHMY AFTER SIGNING ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

WIRES:

1. UNBYLINED UPI ITEM REPORTS HAK'S VISIT WITH MRS. MEIR. STATES MRS. MEIR, ASKED AFTER HAK'S DEPARTURE ABOUT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS, RESPONDED, "REALLY DO YOU THINK HE CONDUCTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CABINET AND THEN HE CONDUCTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ME? IF HE DID TELL ME, WOULD I TELL YOU WHAT HE TOLD ME?"

2. SCHWEID, AP, FROM AQABA STATES HAK "COMPLETED HIS 'EXPLORATORY' PEACE MISSION TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT TODAY WITH PROSPECTS FOR A SINAI SETTLEMENT STILL IN DOUBT. BUT HE TOLD NEWSMEN HE WAS 'VERY SATISFIED' WITH THE TALKS THAT 'ENABLE ME TO COME BACK IN A FEW WEEKS FOR MORE CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS.'" STATES "ALLON SAID IN JERUSALEM THAT HE HOPED KISSINGER'S LATEST MIDEAST TOUR 'WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS AN IMPORTANT OPENING FOR NEW POLITICAL INITIATIVES.'" SCHWEID CONCLUDED "THE KREMLIN CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE A STEP-BY-STEP PEACE AND CALLED AGAIN FOR AN IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE DIRECT PARTICIPATION."

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1. ANDERSON (GROUP W NEWS FROM JORDAN) -- HAK HAS NOW ENDED THIS EXPLORATORY PHASE OF THE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE WIDE DIFFERENCES TO BE BRIDGED. A SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL WHO CANNOT OTHERWISE BE IDENTIFIED SAID THAT ISRAEL WOULD PREFER A FULL PEACE TREATY WITH EGYPT BUT THAT IS OBVIOUSLY PREMATURE AND NOT A REALISTIC POSSIBI-

LITY. NEXT THE ISRAELIS WOULD PREFER A PUBLIC SPECIFIC DOCUMENT IN WHICH THE EGYPTIANS WOULD RENOUNCE ALL ACTS OF WAR AGAINST ISRAEL. IN RETURN FOR SUCH A COMMITMENT ISRAEL WOULD BE READY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STRATEGIC SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES AND THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS. BUT, SAID

THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL, THAT IS THE MINIMUM PRICE THE EGYPTIANS MUST PAY IN ORDER TO HAVE THE PASSES EVACUATED BY THE ISRAELIS AND DEMILITARIZED. THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID THAT A LESS SWEEPING DOCUMENT WOULD MEAN THAT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD GET BACK LESS TERRITORY. KISSINGER SAID THAT HE FOUND THE EXPLORATION TALKS TO BE USEFUL AND THAT HE WILL TRY TO WORK UP A FORMULA IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS TO BRIDGE THE APPARENTLY SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. HE WILL RETURN TO THIS AREA ABOUT MARCH 8TH TO START THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

2. KALB (CBS RADIO) -- HAK FLEW INTO AQABA FOR TALKS WITH KING HUSSEIN AFTER COMPLETING HIS EXCHANGES WITH EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI LEADERS ABOUT ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI. HIS PUBLIC RHETORIC REMAINS UPBEAT. "I AM SATISFIED," HE SAID UPON LEAVING TEL AVIV. ONE HIGH OFFICIAL ON KISSINGER'S PLANE THEN SAID, "THE SECRETARY HAS A CLEAR IDEA NOW WHAT IS POSSIBLE." HE COULD ALSO HAVE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAS A CLEARER IDEA NOW ON WHAT IS NOT POSSIBLE. THE SAME OFFICIAL ADDED, "IT'S NOT HOPELESS, HOWEVER." AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY THAT WHEN KISSINGER RETURNS TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEXT MONTH, ISRAEL WILL SOFTEN HER POSITION AND SO TOO MIGHT EGYPT. AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, THAT IS NO BETTER THAN A HOPE.

3. FOLLOWING IS KALB'S CBS RADIO SPOT ON CYPRUS -- SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN JORDAN TODAY STILL CONCERNING ON HIS MIDDLE EAST PEACE OBJECTIVES. BUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON ISSUED A STATEMENT FROM KISSINGER PROTESTING THE CYPRIOT-TURKISH PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE STATE AND URGING BOTH SIDES TO RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS. THE NEW CYPRUS SITUATION HAS FORCED A CHANGE IN KISSINGER'S PLANS, AS MARVIN KALB WHO IS TRAVELING WITH HIM REPORTS:

KALB: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER KITSIOS CALLED OFF A SCHEDULED MEETING IN WEST GERMANY THIS SUNDAY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE NEW URGENT CRISIS ON CYPRUS PROMPTING THE ATHENS GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW GREEK POLICY SPECIFICALLY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESPOND TO TURKEY'S UNILATERAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE STATE FOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON THE NORTHERN THIRD OF THE ISLAND. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS THAT A MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND KITSIOS HAS

BEEN CANCELLED. THEY WERE SUPPOSED FIRST TO MEET LAST MONDAY IN BRUSSELS, CANCELLED BECAUSE THE TURKISH FM PULLED OUT AND HAS SEEN LITTLE POINT TO MEET WITHOUT HIM. NOW THIS SECOND ATTEMPT TO MEET ALSO CANCELLED. EACH TIME KISSINGER THINKS HE IS APPROACHING A MEETING OR A POSITIVE DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE OFFING, SOMETHING HAPPENS AND THERE IS A SETBACK CONCERNING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

KISSINGER THINKS THE TURKISH ACTION ON CYPRUS WAS PROMPTED BY CONGRESS' ACTION IN CUTTING OFF US MILITARY AID EARLIER THIS MONTH.

4. ABC-TV, REASONER: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN JORDAN BRIEFING KING HUSSEIN ON HIS TALKS WITH LEADERS IN EGYPT, SYRIA, AND ISRAEL. KISSINGER REPORTEDLY STILL FEELS HE HAS A CHANCE TO BRING EGYPT AND ISRAEL TOGETHER ON ANOTHER TROOP DISENGAGEMENT WHEN HE RETURNS FOR THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS NEXT MONTH. (NO FILM AND NOTHING FROM KOPPEL.)

REASONER FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY WITH THIS ITEM: IN MOSCOW SOVIET PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV TODAY CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH IN MONTHS, BREZHNEV RENEWED HIS CALL FOR A QUICK RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

5. NBC-TV, BROKAW (NO VALERIANI) STATED: SECRETARY UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER WAS IN JORDAN TODAY AFTER COMPLETING HIS EXPLORATORY TALKS IN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH THERE STILL IS NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, KISSINGER SAID HE IS VERY SATISFIED WITH HIS TALKS AND THAT HE WILL COME BACK IN A FEW WEEKS FOR MORE CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS.

6. CBS-TV, CRONKITE, REPORTED: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER BRIEFED JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN TODAY ON HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT, AND SYRIA, AND TOMORROW HE GOES TO SAUDI ARABIA AND WEST GERMANY PREPARING FOR A SUNDAY MEETING WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND MORE MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS WERE STRONGLY CRITICIZED TODAY BY SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV. WHILE BREZHNEV DID NOT MENTION KISSINGER BY NAME, HE LEFT NO DOUBT AS TO HIS TARGET. BREZHNEV SAID CERTAIN PERSONS WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE ARABS A SLEEPING PILL, HOPING THEY WILL BE LULLED AND FORGET THEIR DEMANDS FOR WHAT BREZHNEV CALLED RESTORATION OF JUSTICE.

CRONKITE SAID EARLIER ON HIS PROGRAM: OIL IN THE ROLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST WEAPON BROUGHT AN AMINOUS WARNING TODAY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS ENDERS TOLD A SENATE HEARING

THAT A TOTAL EMBARGO OF M.E. OIL WOULD IN ITS ECONOMIC
EFFECT "BE SOMETHING VERY CLOSE TO NUCLEAR WARFARE THAT
WOULD BE AS BIG A THREAT AS COULD COME TO THE INDUSTRIALIZ-
ED NATIONS." ENDERS DID NOT ELABORATE BUT HIS COMMENTS
SEEMED TO BE THE DROPPING OF THE OTHER SHOE WHEN READ IN
CONJUNCTION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CAREFULLY COUCHED
AND CAREFULLY CONDITIONED REMARKS A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE ME.
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